

Summary of Changes to Brownfields Guidelines

September 2008

Stipulated Assessment Grants (SAG)

These guidelines were updated to include/clarify the following:

- Made general language cleanup and miscellaneous consistency changes.
- Clarified that a SAG may not be used to assess petroleum contamination unless the site also has hazardous substances contamination, and petroleum is not the primary contaminant of concern.
- Updated available fiscal year funding amount.
- Added provision that a SAG grant commitment expires one (1) year after execution of a grant agreement if no eligible costs are incurred and invoiced.
- Hardened application deadline and changed conditions for the submittal of supplemental application information (e.g., site access agreement).
- Clarified that any site for which SAG assistance is awarded must meet the Indiana definition of a brownfield (it was assumed, but not explicitly stated).
- Clarified that if Applicant seeks SAG funding to complete a remediation work plan, an American Society for Testing and Materials-compliant Phase I and sufficient Phase II assessment data must be available & submitted at the time of application.
- Added clarification that a determination of funding eligibility does not release any party from obligations under any federal or state law or regulation.
- Clarified that the version of IDEM's Risk Integrated System of Closure will be that which is in effect at time Program approves grant activities.
- Clarified that Applicant can request disbursements be paid directly to consultant.
- Clarified that the deadline to demonstrate an investment match is two (2) years after the execution date of the grant agreement (rather than award date) and that any eligible investment made after grant award can go toward match requirement (but that no pre-award costs can be counted).
- Revised ranking criteria, including addition of new category on sustainability/environmental benefit/infrastructure reuse.